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NOT THE ONLY ONE

IGNORED A HALT SIGN

Henry William Isaacs, aged 60, a miner, of Newington-road, Ramsgate, was fined 10s. at Ramsgate police court on Monday for failing to observe the halt sign while driving a motor cycle at the Lord of the Manor on 8th August.

W/R Moyes said defendant, who was driving from Sandwich in the direction of Ramsgate, passed the halt sign and the white line at a speed of about 15 miles per hour. Witness stopped defendant, who said he knew the sign was there. He added "I have used the road for six years and I am not the only one who does not stop."

MARGATE COUNCILLOR RESIGNS

Councillor C. W. W. Hansen has resigned his seat on Margate Town Council as a representative of the Salmestone Ward.

Glass eyes are coming in for renewal at the rate of 250 a week to a Government factory in the north of England which supplies, among thousands of others, "blitz" victims, German prisoners and our troops in the Middle East.

Two Girls Injured

FALL THROUGH ROOF

Two Birchington girls were injured, one seriously, when they fell through an asbestos roof on which they were sitting on Thursday.

Betty Bailey, aged 12, of Epple Bay-road, and Hazel Lock, aged 11, of Kent-gardens, were sitting on the corrugated asbestos roof of an extension to the garage at Betty's home when it gave way. Underneath were boxes, a step ladder and a bicycle, on to which they fell before reaching the concrete floor.

Betty, whose parents were out, sustained a badly bruised knee and fingers, but she helped her friend, who was more seriously injured, to a neighbour's house. Birchington ambulance was summoned, and Hazel was taken to hospital with a cut neck and suspected internal injuries.

NAMED IN BROADCAST

RAMSGATE MAN BELIEVED A PRISONER

Unofficial information has been received by Mr. and Mrs. G. Jones, of 10 Wheatley-road, Ramsgate, that their son, Pte. Idris Penri Jones, previously reported missing in the Middle East, is now a prisoner of war.

Pte. Jones was serving with the R.A.O.C. and through the War Office his parents have been informed that his name was included in a list of prisoners in an enemy broadcast.

Twenty-seven years of age, he was employed before the war as a driver by the East Kent Road Car Co., and previous to that worked as a fitter at Chislet Colliery.

He was with the B.E.F. early in the war, returned to England when France collapsed, and went to the Middle East in November, 1940.

A LITTLE CELEBRATION

SOLDIERS WHO WERE PARTING

Because one of them was being posted to another unit, Pte. John Leonard Dalladay, aged 30, and L/Cpl. Alfred Burnett, aged 19, had a little celebration.

There was a sequel at Margate police court on Monday when the men were charged with being drunk and disorderly in Trinity-square on Saturday night.

Burnett was further charged with assaulting P/S Sutherland in the execution of his duty.

R/P/C Uden said he went to the bottom of Trinity-hill with P/S Sutherland at 11 p.m. on Saturday in consequence of hearing singing and banging. They found three soldiers, only one of whom went off easily when asked to do so. Dalladay continued shouting and arguing, and as he was drunk witness took him to the police station.

Dalladay said he could not remember anything except that he was under the influence of drink.

An Army chaplain said defendant was being posted away and apparently he and his pal decided to have a little celebration. His Army character was fair.

The case was dismissed, the Chairman (Mr. B. J. Garraway) expressing the hope that it would be a lesson to defendant.

In the case of Burnett, P/S Sutherland said defendant was with Dalladay. When he told them to be quiet and move on they became very excited and abusive, and one said "We have fought for —— men like you." Efforts to reason with them failed and they refused to produce their identity books. Burnett pushed witness violently in the chest and then went up the Hill. Witness followed him and when caught defendant fell to the ground. He struck out with his heels and also kicked out with his feet.

Defendant said he was a bit merry as his pal was going away. He was going to take his pal home when the officer tried to drag him back and twisted him round.

The chaplain said Burnett had been in the Army three years and always went to Dalladay's home when on leave.

The charge of being drunk and disorderly was dismissed and defendant was fined 10s. on the assault charge.

FRONT LINE FAMILY

DAUGHTER IN MIDDLE EAST

Many old St. Georgians, both men and women, are serving with H.M. Forces, and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bonning, of Fairholme, Albion-road, Ramsgate, have reason to be proud of the contribution being made by their family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonning have two sons and two daughters—all old St. Georgians.

The younger daughter is on service in the Middle East, the elder son is a commissioned officer in this country and the younger son is putting R.A.F. pilots through their paces in Canada. The elder daughter is principal of a school in Buckinghamshire.

Sgt. Phyllis M. Bonning, A.T.S., 26 years of age, is serving in the Middle East and seeing the world. She has already visited Cairo, Palestine and Alexandria.

Sgt. Bonning was one of the first batch of 20 to volunteer for the A.T.S. when it was formed about a year before the outbreak of war. She sailed for the Middle East in February.

Sgt. Phyllis Bonning.

In an airgraph letter to her parents Sgt. Bonning reveals that she is kept very busy.

"These Egyptian houses are rather weird and wonderful buildings with very large rooms and high ceilings," she writes. "At the moment I am sitting in the office, the walls of which are gaily painted with a blue background and a green, red, darker blue and gold futuristic design. The ceiling is somewhat the same but very much more ornamental, which gives one the idea that it may be mosaic, but it is merely the work of a great artist with the brush.

"I am still dreaming about the English countryside. It must be lovely now with all the flowers and everything at their best. I do hope that I shall be back before another year is past. Here there is nothing but sand and dust. Everything has a very brown appearance. I have not as yet found the glamour of the East but perhaps it is buried somewhere in the desert. I have seen a few camels and water buffalo wandering around.

"Have not been out since arriving here because to get to any part of the town which is at all respectable means travelling on the 'wog' trams and they are usually so cluttered up with natives hanging on to every available part that there is not room for me."

The elder of the two brothers, 2nd-Lt. Charles Bonning, aged 32, is serving in this country with the Pay Corps.

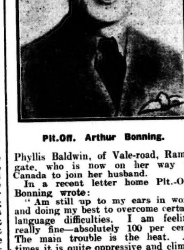
After leaving school he joined the staff of Glynn Mills Bank in London. He joined the Pay Corps in September, 1940, and recently received his commission. His wife is at present living in Somerset.

A keen sportsman, Charlie was for a number of years a prominent member of Ramsgate Swimming Club.

The younger brother, Arthur, who is 29 years of age, is a pilot-officer in the Royal Air Force, and is acting as an instructor at an R.A.F. training centre in Canada.

After leaving St. George's, Plt.-Off. Bonning went to St. Mark's Training College. He received an appointment as a master at Sandwich Central School but waiting for a more active life he joined the Army four years before the outbreak of war. When volunteers were called for, he was "loaned" by the Army to the Royal Air Force. He went to Canada for training and has been retained in Ontario as an instructor.

Plt.-Off. Bonning married Miss



Plt.Off. Arthur Bonning.

Phyllis Baldwin, of Vale-road, Ramsgate, who is now on her way to Canada to join her husband.

In a recent letter home Plt.-Off. Bonning wrote:

"Am still up to my ears in work and doing my best to overcome certain language difficulties. I am feeling really fine—absolutely 100 per cent. The main trouble is the heat. At times it is quite oppressive and climbing high does not make a great deal of difference."

Mr. and Mrs. Bonning's elder daughter, Violet, the best Ramsgate woman swimmer for many years, has her own school at Aylesbury but she is itching to join one of the services.

Just as the parents are proud of their children the children are proud of their parents, who have "stayed put" in their front line home 26 miles from enemy-occupied territory.

2nd-Lt. Charles Bonning.

PROHIBITED AREA

CANTERBURY MOTOR CYCLIST FINED

A fine of 10s. was imposed by Ramsgate magistrates on Monday on John Patrick Diffley, aged 49, colliery overseer, of Nunnery-road, Canterbury, who was summoned for riding a motor cycle without a civil defence permit in Harbour-parade on 19th August.

Defendant wrote pleading guilty and stating that because he could enter Ramsgate by train or bus he thought he could also come by motor cycle.

P/C Perkins, who stopped defendant on the Harbour-parade, said when he asked defendant why he had no permit he replied "I did not think I needed one as I live in Canterbury."

C/I Butcher said there was a board at Sarre which stated that people should not come into the area without a permit.

Announcing the fine, the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said the regulations had been in force for some time and should have been known to all road users.

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MISSING IN MIDDLE EAST

Pte. A. Wheatley. The Buffs, formerly of 38 Denmark-road, Ramsgate, has been reported missing in the Middle East.

Pte. Wheatley's wife, who is at present living at Canterbury, received several letters from her husband just prior to the official notification that he was missing.

An old boy of Ellington School, Pte. Wheatley was before the war employed at the Queen-street, Ramsgate, warehouse of Messrs. Vye and Son.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXAMINATIONS

The following passes by scholars of, St. George's Central Girls' School, Ramsgate, in the London Chamber of Commerce examinations, have been reported in addition to those recorded last week:

Elementary arithmetic — Margaret Culver.

Elementary handwriting — Gwenda Nichols, Violet Knott, Margaret Hunter, Phyllis Mayhew, Margaret Culver, Kathleen Harris, Yasmin Jaber.

Elementary English—Gwenda Nichols (distinction), Violet Knott, Margaret Hunter, Kathleen Harris, Yasmin Jaber.

Certificate English—Edna Crabb (distinction), Grace Knott, Sylvia Walkley.

OFFICIALS' SALARIES

BROADSTAIRS COUNCIL TURN DOWN INCREASES

Broadstairs Council on Monday rejected a proposal for a general all-round increase in officials' salaries.

At the August meeting of the Council the Finance Committee recommended that the Council should adopt, in respect of their clerical staff, the following flat rate cost of living increases recommended by the National Joint Council for Local Authorities' Administrative, Technical and Clerical Services: boys under 21, 6s. 6d. per week; girls, 5s. per week; men whose normal remuneration does not exceed £300 a year (excluding the present bonus), 13s. per week; women, 10s. per week; men and women with salaries exceeding £300 (excluding the present bonus), £2 per month.

Following discussion the Council decided to refer the matter back to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

The proposals were reconsidered by the Finance Committee on 31st August.

The report of the meeting, presented to the Council on Monday, stated that discussion ensued, following which it was moved by Councillor Robinson and seconded by Councillor Minter "That the recommendation in question be re-submitted to the Council for adoption." Upon being put to the meeting the motion was declared to be lost, two members voting in favour and six against.

Not Quite Happy.

When the report was presented to the Council for confirmation Councillor E. K. Minter said he wished again to move that the matter be referred back for further consideration. He was sure that in the end the Council would have to give the officials the bonus. The Council seemed to like to leave things until they were really forced to do them, as they were in the case of the workmen's wages.

Seconding the reference back, Councillor W. Lane said some of the members were not quite happy at the outcome of the meeting of the Finance Committee at which the matter was considered. He felt that if they could have one more meeting they might be able to come to some arrangement which would be to the benefit of all concerned.

Councillor B. Humphrey asked if it was necessary to refer the matter back. If they passed the minute did it preclude them from discussing the matter at a later date?

The Clerk (Mr. E. F. Owen) said if, having adopted the report, the Council wished to reconsider the matter within six months they would have to pass a resolution rescinding the resolution before them that afternoon.

Councillor H. Bing said he was against the matter being referred back. The ratepayers had a right to know who the people were who were trying to impose the extra burden upon them.

Closed Doors.

After making reference to "persons who have Government appointments in addition to their own civil positions," Councillor Bing said it there was to be any debate it should take place in public. Too much was done behind closed doors. The ratepayers should be in a position to see who the persons were who were so glibly passing their money away.

Councillor F. Foster said no reason had been advanced why the matter should again be referred back. He felt they went into it very thoroughly and unless some better reason was given why it should be referred back he would stick to the vote he had given in committee.

Councillor Humphrey said he could not see what purpose would be served by again referring the matter back. Like Councillor Bing he would prefer to see any discussion in public. It was not their own money they were giving away but the ratepayers. He could not see that they would be debarred from again bringing the matter forward when they thought fit if they adopted the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

On being put to the meeting the motion to refer the matter back was defeated and the committee's recommendation adopted.

The Lucky Ones.

After considering a report by the Staffing and Salaries Sub-Committee on sanitary inspectors' increases of wages the Finance Committee made the following recommendations:

That, as from the 31st August, the salary paid to Messrs. Eyles, Legg and Lewin, temporary clerks in the Treasurer's department, be increased by 10s. per week and that the salary paid to Mr. Price be increased by 15s. per week.

That, as from the 31st August, Mr. A. Cuthbert and Mr. W. E. Nye, temporary clerks in the rates department, and Mr. W. A. Pack, temporary A.R.P. clerk in the Treasurer's department, be each granted an increase of salary of 10s. per week;

That Mr. A. Cuthbert, a temporary junior engineering assistant in the Surveyor's department, be informed that the Council are not prepared to appoint him to their permanent staff at the present time but they are prepared to continue to employ him at his present temporary post, with an increase of salary of £1 per week, payable on and from the 31st August, it being understood that, if and when he is called up for service with H.M. Forces, he will not be entitled to receive the difference between his service pay and his civilian pay, if any, as he is a temporary officer;

That, with effect from the pay day for the first full working week in May, 1942, the wages of the undermentioned employees be further increased by 3s. per week in respect of adult male employees and 75 per cent. thereof in respect of adult female employees, or, alternatively, to 3½d. per hour where part of a week only is worked: G. Lawrence (head gardener), E. Page (road foreman), D. Cotter (lavatory attendant), Mrs. B. Taylor (lavatory attendant), G. Bance (caretaker), W. F. Wells (special constable), C. Scutt (waterworks foreman), A. Newing (acting Harbour Master), S. Swan (golf club groundsman), H. Cole (golf club groundsman).

The recommendations were adopted.

Staff Hours.

The report of Council in committee stated that having considered a report by the Council's chief officers the committee were of opinion that it would not be practicable to reduce their staffs by increasing the number of hours worked by the remainder of the staff, and they recommended that no further action be taken in the matter. This recommendation was also adopted.

From 1st November to 31st March next the office hours operative in respect of the Council's officers are to be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Office hours to be worked after 31st March next are to be determined at a later date.

YOUNG WIFE'S PROMISE

TWICE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

A promise that she would not repeat the offence was given by Mrs. Olive Maude Rousell, recently discharged from the W.A.A.F., of Forman-road, Westgate, when she was charged on remand at Margate police court on Monday with attempting twice to commit suicide on 8th August.

It was alleged that she first tried to take her life by coal gas poisoning and then by throwing herself from the footbridge at railway bridge on to the railway line at Westgate.

She had been remanded for a month in charge of her mother.

In reply to the Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan), defendant said she was feeling better and still living with her mother. She had received her discharge from the W.A.A.F. and would like to get work in a factory. Her husband was supposed to send **her £2 a week**, but she had received only £2 10s. 6d. in a month. She could not live with her mother and keep her baby without money.

The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said he thought part of defendant's action was due to a display of temper and petty to impress her husband. He had had a strong talk to her, impressing on her the need to face up to the realities of life. She seemed to have taken the talk to heart and appeared to be better.

The Magistrates' Clerk: Are you prepared to give an undertaking not to do this sort of thing again?

Defendant: I definitely know I won't do it again.

The Chairman (Mr. B. J. Garraway) announced that in view of her undertaking the charge would be dismissed. The magistrates hoped she would show stronger willpower in the future.

When previously before the court, evidence was given that defendant was seen lying on the parapet of the railway bridge in St. Mildred's-road. When pulled down by a civil defence worker she made another attempt to get on to the parapet and said she wanted to commit suicide. Later she told the police that she tried to gas herself earlier in the day in the presence of her husband, who, she alleged, told her to "get on with it."

It was stated that defendant had been married three months and she said they were happy until her mother-in-law tried to separate them.

BOMBER CREW'S THANKS

In appreciation of the reception given to the crew of a Whitley bomber which made a forced landing off Margate on **3rd September, 1940**, Flt.-Lt. J. L. Mitchell, D.F.C., has sent the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) a second donation of a guinea towards the police benevolent fund.

Flt.-Lt. Mitchell, in his letter, said the donation was a mark of gratitude for the many other occasions on which Margate police force had helped the R.A.F., and added that Sqdn.-Ldr. J. S. Barlow, D.F.C., a member of the bomber's crew, had since lost his life flying a night fighter, and Sgt. Kerr, D.F.M., was a prisoner of war in Germany.

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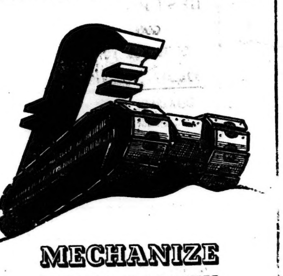

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FORGED FORMS

SAPPER'S TEMPTATION

Spr. William George Moulden, aged 22, who, by forging withdrawal forms, admitted obtaining £10 from a corporal's Post Office Savings Bank account, was fined £5 at Margate police court on Wednesday.

Moulden was summoned for obtaining £2 by forging a withdrawal form receipt at Birchington on 7th May.

Mr. M. Borg, who prosecuted, said Kenneth Malpress, a corporal in the Army, who opened a savings bank account at Chippenham, left his bank book in the breast pocket of his best battle dress in the billet at Birchington. In May he discovered that the book was missing and reported the matter. Inquiries were made and it was ascertained that £2 was withdrawn by defendant from the account at Birchington on 7th May. He was seen by D/S Thomas, of the Post Office investigation department, and in a statement said "There is no need to tell me as I did it. I found the book on the floor of the billet used by the corporal. I made a withdrawal at Birchington for £2 on 7th May. The receipt was filled in by me." Mr. Borg added that defendant was in the same unit as Malpress and stationed at the same place.

Defendant said he accepted the statement of the circumstances and had nothing further to say.

Mr. Borg said there were also three other cases against defendant. He obtained two sums of £3 from the account in May and one sum of £2 in June, all at Bristol.

An officer said defendant joined the Army in 1936 and his previous character had been very good indeed.

The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan), addressing Moulden: Can't you give the magistrates some explanation of why you stooped to do this and rob a fellow soldier? Was the temptation too great for you?

Defendant: Yes, sir.

Did you need the money for any special purpose?—No, sir.

EARLIER RISING

SAVING LIGHTS IN RAMSGATE TUNNELS

Some people who use Ramsgate tunnel shelters will have to rise earlier.

On the recommendation of the Civil Defence Committee the Council on Thursday decided that until such time as the longer hours of darkness render any alteration necessary, the time for extinguishing lights in the tunnels shall be varied from 9 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Following a recent visit, regional officers suggested the provision of an additional ventilating shaft in the Ellington-road area.

The Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) explained to the Civil Defence Committee the ventilating arrangements in this particular section of the tunnels and intimated that he considered the present arrangements adequate.

The committee have asked the Borough Engineer to discuss the matter with the regional officers and make a further report.

Arrangements for the provision of a reserve water supply have not been implemented since it was found impracticable to carry out the whole of the work on the basis of the cost approved by the Senior Regional Officer. The Engineer has now been asked to agree a revised estimate with the Senior Regional Officer.

THANET TEMPLAR CONVENTION

The monthly meeting of the Thanet Templar Convention, I.O.G.T., was held in the Good Templar Hall, Broadstairs, on Tuesday, by invitation of the Star of the East Lodge.

It was decided to send a letter of welcome to the new Methodist Superintendent Minister, the Rev. D. Llewellyn Williams, wishing him God's blessing on his work in the Ramsgate circuit.

The intercession service was conducted by Mr. A. B. Impett, P.D.S.J.W., and a special welcome was extended to Sig. H. McCabe, R.C.S., and Mr. P. Cottle.

Mr. E. A. Knight, P.D.C.T., entertained the members with a paper on "Epitaphs—quaint, comic and curious" from tombstones all over the county, and called attention to many striking inscriptions in local church burial grounds.

SGT.-OBS. TYLER

MARGATE FOOTBALLER MISSING

A former member of Margate Football Club, Sgt.-Obs. Gerald Osmond Tyler, R.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Tyler, of 55 Westfield-road, Margate, has been posted as missing.

Educated at Godwin College, Margate, Sgt. Tyler, who is 30 years of age, was a partner in a local firm of drapers before volunteering for the R.A.F.

While at school he won the Jack Hobbs bat for the best cricket performance in Kent during the season.

He gained his county amateur cap for football and in addition to playing full-back for Margate has also played for the Crystal Palace league team. He is also a member of Thanet Golf Club.

Sgt. Tyler's wife and nine-year-old son are living temporarily in Somerset.

Safeguarding Ramsgate Airport

WAR-TIME CULTIVATION

Ramsgate Airport is to be cultivated for the duration of the war but plans have been made to ensure its return to its original use as soon as possible following the cessation of hostilities.

A sub-committee of the Aerodrome Committee of the Town Council recently met representatives of the Kent War Agricultural Committee consisting of Lord Cornwallis (chairman), Lord Northbourne (chairman of the Area Group), Mr. Leslie Doubleday and Mr. Alfred Day (members of the committee), together with Mr. H. W. Walshe (Deputy Executive Officer) and Mr. Clifford (District Technical Officer).

After an exchange of views during which the representatives of the Kent War Agricultural Committee stressed the urgent necessity for growing more cereals and the sub-committee had stressed the desire of the Council to see the land reinstated as an aerodrome at the earliest possible moment after the cessation of hostilities, Lord Cornwallis said he and his colleagues appreciated the desire of the Council and he could give a definite assurance on behalf of his committee that they would not seek to retain the land after the cessation of hostilities and they would exercise whatever powers they might have to restore possession of the land to Ramsgate Airport Ltd., the lessees of the aerodrome, for use as an aerodrome immediately after such date.

Following further negotiations between the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis), Mr. Cox, secretary of Ramsgate Airport Ltd., Mr. J. H. Robinson, solicitor to the company, Mr. Walshe and Mr. V. J. Spain, the present grazing tenant, proposals were draws up for submission to the Council on Thursday.

The Agreement.

These proposals were that a tenancy should be entered into between Ramsgate Airport Ltd. and Mr. Spain to begin on 29th September and to expire at Michaelmas next following the occurrence of the first of any of the following events: (1) the expiration of four years from the date of the commencement of the tenancy; (2) the cessation of hostilities in the present war between this country and all the countries of which the capital city is situate in Europe; (3) the removal of the ban on civil aviation imposed by the Government in pursuance of the powers conferred by the Air Navigation Act, 1920.

The rent for the first year of the term is to be £104 per annum and for subsequent years £120 per annum.

Mr. Spain must forthwith plough up one half of the land and before ploughing up the other half to reseed the ploughed up area with permanent grass seed, the intention being that so far as is practicable one half of the land shall be under grass and the other half arable. The tenant to sow with the last or way growing crop permanent grass seed suitable for an aerodrome, such grass seed to be supplied by the company.

The company is to provide the fencing necessary to divide the portion of the land under grass from that under the plough, the tenant to fix and maintain the fencing, and the company is to pay or allow to the tenant at the termination of the tenancy the value of any growing crops on the land and the value of the unexhausted manures on the land.

The Aerodrome Committee recommended that an agreement should be entered into on the lines suggested, the Council to bear the cost of fencing, the cost of unexhausted manures and growing crops and the cost of seeding and reinstating the land as an aerodrome to enable the necessary license to be obtained from the Secretary of State for Air for the use of the land as an aerodrome.

The Council approved the recommendation.

DEFENCE OF MOSCOW

RUSSIAN EPIC AT KING'S

Last winter the gallant and successful stand of the Russians in the defence of Moscow stirred your imagination.

To-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow, when "The Defeat of the Germans Near Moscow" is being screened at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, you will be able to follow the story of this epic struggle. This is one of the most amazing and thrilling war films that have come out of Russia for it was photographed on the field of battle by 15 cameramen. Hitler launched 80 divisions against the Soviet capital in his mighty attack. How the Red Army stood up against this terrific force, held it and drove it back with tremendous loss, is shown in this film. You will see, too, films of the grim and ghastly atrocities perpetrated by the Germans against civilians and helpless prisoners. Margaret Lockwood and Barry K. Barnes co-star in "The Girl in the News," which is also being shown.

Comedy is offered for the latter part of the week in the screening of the Elsie and Doris Waters farce "Gert and Daisy Clean Up." In this film they are both trying to do their bit for the war effort but, somehow, everything seems to go wrong. They dig for victory, cook in a British Restaurant but do not meet with much success there, especially when they grate some cheese only to find, when it is too late, that it is soap. The schemes of black marketeers add a little touch of drama to the film. "Law of the Timber," with Monte Blue, Marjorie Reynolds and Hal Brazeal, which is the supporting film, tells of life and love in a lumber camp.

GUNS VERSUS TANKS

SGT. PUGH IN ACTION

Few men have taken part in more fighting in the Middle East than Sgt. Evan Victor Pugh, D.C.M., 7th Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Pugh, of James Villa, Balmoral-place, Ramsgate, and formerly of Wellington-crescent.

In recognition of distinguished services in the Middle East during the period December, 1940, to February, 1941, Sgt. Pugh, then a bombardier, was awarded the D.C.M.

Recently Sgt. Pugh took part in an action beyond the minefield of the El Alamein line, when seven German Mark II and Mark III tanks were smashed and burnt out by gunfire from the 7th Medium Regiment eight and a half miles away. Sgt. Pugh was No. 1 on his gun.

Sgt. E. V. Pugh, D.C.M.

An account issued by the War Office states that an officer was on reconnaissance in an armoured car when he saw 12 German tanks. He gave orders over his wireless for the guns to open up and although they were approaching 16,000 yards away the first shells fell right on the target.

"The Germans," the account continues, "had their backs to us, proceeding towards Tel El Eisa Station. As another round went over I saw three of their tanks burst into flames. Our boys kept it up and for a moment the enemy were obscured by dust. When it cleared away four more tanks were knocked out. Our two-pounder anti-tank guns finished them off. It was havoc."

Later a patrol found an enemy tank which had received a direct hit on the turret. Nearby lay blankets and pieces of kit left by the crew, who had "baled out" and then been killed by machine-gun fire.

The 7th Medium, which also took part in the Greek and Crete campaigns, is proud of the fact that it has never lost a usable gun to the enemy. At Gazala Sgt. Pugh's battery was overrun, the crews fired their last round, blew up their guns, and fought on as infantry.

Prior to the war Sgt. Pugh, who is in the regular Army, saw two years service on the North-West Frontier.

Sgt. Pugh's younger brother, Cpl. Terence John Pugh, of the Royal Tank Regiment, was taken prisoner in May, 1940.

RAMSGATE SPORTSMAN WEDS

SANDERS—POPHAM

A popular Ramsgate sportsman, Mr. Jack Victor Matthew Sanders, eldets son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Sanders, of 40 Spencer-square, Ramsgate, was married at St. Stephen's, Soundwell, Bristol, on Monday, to Miss Myrtle Popham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Popham, of Lees-hill, Kingswood, Bristol.

An old boy of Chatham House School, Ramsgate, the bridegroom was for some time sales representative for the Post Office telephones at Ramsgate and is at present Assistant Commissioner for National Savings in Wiltshire. He has played both football and cricket for St. Luke's Athletic Club, Ramsgate, and owned greyhounds which raced at Dumpton Park.

The marriage service was conducted by the Rev. F. J. Hirst, and the bride, who was given away by her father, wore a princess style gown of white lace with a train, with headdress of orange blossom and a veil. Her bouquet was of pink and cream roses.

The bridesmaids were the Misses Joyce Spreadborough and Eileen Sheppard, who wore gowns of blue cloche with pink lace picture hats, and the two child attendants, Shirley Scottorn and Betty Gariand, wore blue cloche frocks with bonnets.

The bridegroom's brother, Ldg. Acm. H. Sanders, R.A.F., carried out the duties of best man.

COUNCIL'S TRIBUTE TO DUKE OF KENT

At Thursday's meeting of Ramsgate Town Council the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) read a telegram received from the Duchess of Kent in reply to that sent by the Mayor on behalf of the town expressing sympathy on the death of the Duke.

The telegram read: "Please convey to the Town Council and people of Ramsgate my grateful thanks for the very kind message which has touched me deeply. Marina."

The Mayor said they had happy memories of the Duke of Kent's two visits to the town. He was very congenial company and he was a practical man, especially as far as aviation was concerned. He was a pilot of no mean ability and they were proud of the fact that at the time he met his death he was doing his bit for his country.

The members stood for a few moments in silent tribute.

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FIGHT FOR LIBERTY

FOURTH YEAR OF WAR

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

As the war entered on its fourth year on Thursday, Thanet, in common with the rest of the country, dedicated itself anew to the fight for liberty.

The day was appointed by the King as one of National Prayer and special services were held at Ramsgate, Broadstairs and Margate.

Crowds of people, service men and women and civilians, gathered in the three towns to pray for peace and to give thanks for deliverance from the hands of the enemy.

The scene in St. George's Church, Ramsgate, in the afternoon, was reminiscent of a Mayor's Sunday service. The service consisted entirely of prayers, hymns and scripture readings.

Both the nave and the gallery of the church were filled with people and the uniforms of the various local services made a vivid splash of colour. The yellow neckerchiefs of the large company of Scouts, in particular, stood out against the more sombre tunics of the A.R.P. workers.

With the pews full, the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), preceded by the Acting Town Sergeant carrying the mace, proceeded up the aisle, followed by the Deputy Mayor (Alderman T. W. Mockridge), the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis), aldermen and councillors, C/I Butcher (representing Ramsgate police), Mr. E. Young (Sanitary Inspector), Mr. R. D. Brimmell (Borough Engineer) and Lt.-Cdr. H. J. Maynard (Harbour Master). Mr. H. J. Perry, Chairman of the bench, was also in the congregation.

One side of the nave was almost completely filled by troops, members of the police force and war reserves and civil defence personnel and men and women of the National Fire Service were seated on the north side of the gallery.

The Vicar (the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth), at the opening of the service, said he had not expected such a large congregation and announced that, as it was a service of prayer and dedication, there would be no address.

Prayers were led by the Vicar of Christ Church (the Rev. P. M. Townend) and the Minister of Ramsgate Cavendish Baptist Church (Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel), and readings from the scriptures were given by the Vicar and the Rev. W. B. Green (Minister of Ramsgate Congregational Church).

Peaceful Background.

The tree-lined forecourt of Pierremont Hall, scene of many solemn and happy events in peace-time, formed a peaceful-looking background to the Broadstairs service, which was held in the morning.

But the prayers and the scripture reading were full of the realities of war and the hundreds of people sitting in the canvas chairs and standing beneath the trees fervently rededicated themselves to their work for victory.

The gathering was very representative of life in the district. The blue uniforms of the A.R.P. services mixed with the khaki of the troops and the tunics of R.A.F. and Royal Navy men home on leave. Councillors and officials and many prominent residents sat among the congregation.

Pupils of Holy Trinity Boys School, under Mr. T. O. Studd, stood outside the Council Offices as the Rev. C. H. Bailey (Rector of Broadstairs), the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith (priest-in-charge of St. Peter's Church) and the Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie (Minister of Broadstairs Free Churches) descended the steps, accompanied by the Chairman of the Council (Councillor B. J. Pearson) and Mrs. Pearson.

Mr. Mackenzie said they were gathered there to place themselves in the hands of the Almighty, to ask His forgiveness for national sins, to give thanks for the deliverance He had granted them from their enemies and to pray for the victory and the coming of His kingdom on the earth.

Mr. Meredith read a passage from St. Peter I, chapter v, and prayers were led by the Rector.

Music for the hymn "O God, our help in ages past" and the National Anthem was played by Firemen R. E. Taney (accordeon), H. Oliver (violin) and E. J. Marsh (piano).

COUNCIL OF READERS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RUBBER SALVAGE

Sir,—The Ministry of Supply has just made a new Salvage Order relating to rubber, which emphasises the urgency for saving every available ounce of waste rubber that can be obtained for reclaiming. The need for rubber is vital, because 90 per cent. of the natural rubber resources in the world are now in enemy hands.

The new Order means that in future it is an offence to destroy any waste rubber, throw it away, put it into a refuse bin or cause it to become mixed with anything other than waste rubber.

The demands of the fighting services for rubber must be met, and the only way in which it can be done is by gathering together every single scrap of rubber which is not doing a vital job or which is no longer of any use in the home.

There are thousands of tons of waste rubber in the country. In the home it takes a hundred different forms. There are worn-out cycle and motor car tyres, discarded wellington boots, old gym shoes, useless hot water bottles, rubber heels, dog "bones," old rubber tubing, bathroom mats, sponges, rubber nail brushes, and so on. Even tea-pot spouts and old bathing caps are all useful.

In shops and elsewhere there are tons of waste rubber lying idle. Worn patches of rubber flooring, cables, and van and lorry tyres are only a few examples.

Practically every munition of war needs rubber in some form or another. Every time a giant bomber takes off it carries rubber in the form of heavy self-sealing petrol tanks, insulation for its cables, oxygen masks, life-saving dinghys for the crew, de-icing equipment, tyres and other things, weighing in all about one ton of rubber.

So your readers will see that every article, however small it may be, can do a job of work. Those useless rubber articles have already served the household. Now let them serve their country.

A. B. C. KEMPE
Mayor.

Mayor's Parlour,
Ramsgate.

WOMEN'S CHAT

CATERING FOR TWO

SOME HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS

It is often said that the large family has an advantage under rationing because of the greater variety available to it. This is true enough, yet with a little forethought an interesting and varied menu can be produced for two people.

Begin with the meat ration. Meat is no longer the main part of a meal but the relish, and it must be eked out with quantities of vegetables, savoury stuffings, salads, batter puddings and such things.

How best can one spend the 2s. 4d.? Sometimes a small half-shoulder of lamb can be managed. It is often fat so should be avoided by the Jack Spratts, but if it is bought it will provide at least three meals. First a hot roast with savoury stuffing balls, and three vegetables. Next a cold meal with a big salad and either potato salad or boiled potatoes. Then the bone with the rest of the meat is delicious braised with vegetables and little light dumplings. Even that is not the end of it, the remnants of meat, fat, savoury gravy and mashed potato, flavoured with herbs will stuff a baked vegetable marrow, an excellent dish especially if served with cheese sauce.

As an alternative to the lamb, the ration can be taken in a pound of stewing steak cut in one thin piece and one or two small chops cut from a neck of mutton.

Spread the steak with savoury stuffing, roll it, tie it securely and braise it. There should be one hot and one cold meal there for the cold stuffed meat is very good cut in thin slices and served with salad. If there is any left, make it into a curry with plenty of diced vegetables.

The cutlets will make a handsome mixed grill with small sausages and tomatoes in season.

When the Meat Ration is Finished.

When the meat rations are finished, there are so many things to have that it would take half a year to get through them.

First there is fish. One can have soused mackerel, herring, whiting or any other white fish, with potato salad, shredded cabbage and later on home-made pickled cabbage. Equally good midday or evening. A dish that is easy to prepare for lunch or for supper is fish pie. Not the usual insipid concoction, but a pie made delicious with careful flavourings, a touch of garlic, a bayleaf, paprika or mace, all obtainable still, plenty of fresh parsley, a creamy sauce and a sprinkling of cheese on top. Grilled fish with diced potatoes and a piquante sauce is another good dish, so is fish cut into cubes and made into a mixed grill with vegetables and bacon.

There are several kinds of unrationed sausages and meats; very ordinary if served cold, but they can be turned into original and delicious meals in a few minutes if you have a chef mind. Think of sausage sliced into thick, hot, well-flavoured gravy, surrounded with beautifully cooked succulent cabbage, and floury boiled potatoes. These meats may be introduced into light steamed puddings, in savoury dumplings with rich gravy, or crisp golden brown pasties.

Vegetables and Cheese.

We haven't half finished yet. There are the vegetables. Just as a beginning remember vegetable roly-poly, vegetable pudding, and vegetable curry, pie, batter, pancake and grill. None of these need ever be the same, for the vegetables and flavours can be varied each time.

Finally, think of the cheese dishes! Cheese and vegetable pies, cheese and vegetable au gratins, all the varieties of welsh rarebits, all the different kinds of cheese salads, cheese and potato dishes and cheese soups. No, there is no need for the two-in-family to feel out of it. Space does not allow us to give the recipes for these good things, but if a suggestion takes your fancy, write and ask us for the recipe.

BOWLS

DANE PARK VICTORIES

In a return match played at Northdown-avenue, Margate, Dane Park defeated Margate Bowling Club by the narrow margin of two shots (79—77). Dane Park were 19 shots behind at 10 ends but one of their rinks, inspired by the appetising tea, scored at each of the remaining 11 ends.

Dane Park

R. Parker, G. Pyle, Lt. A. Babbs, J. Hogben 22
H. Caton, Mrs. King, G. W. Solly, W. R. Rickon 15
H. Foster, C. J. Amos, H. Ellis, A. J. Munday 31
H. Sandwell, E. E. Amos, S. Ovenden, W. H. Paine 11

Margate Bowling Club

H. Creassey, G. Camfield, W. Briggs, A. Bradley 17
Sgt. Norris, Sgt. Sutherland, P.C. Bray, S. Waldby 22
E. Makepeace, A. S. Redman, A. J. Stickels, H. Britton 15
F. A. Hunter, P. V. Blackburn, B. J. Garraway, E. T. Marshall 23

In a match with the Civil Defence Services Dane Park won by 98 shots to 72.

Dane Park

H. Sandwell, E. E. Amos, R. Thurston, W. R. Rickon 23
H. Caton, A. J. Munday, J. Hogben, W. H. Paine 24
H. Foster, Mrs. King, H. Howard, A. Bradley 26
J. Lattimore, H. G. Wyatt, S. G. Gooderham, E. T. Marshall 25

Civil Defence

C. J. Amos, P/C C. Bray, G. W. Solly, B. J. Garraway 17
P. Knighton, R. Ransford, R. Mable, A. R. Kennard 18
Capt. Wenham, W. Palmer, S. King, E. Pettett 20
S. Tregilgas, R. Chambers, B. N. Wells, G. Emptage 17

C. Arrow (owes 6) defeated J. Hogben (owes 4) by 30 shots to 9 in the final of the Dane Park Club's second singles competition.

Arrow was in great form, taking 14 out of the 20 ends played.

The Aces, C. J. Amos, G. W. Solly and A. J. Munday, were defeated by the Challengers, Sgt Galer, Sgt. Sutherland and P/C Bray, by 21—19.

RED CROSS DRIVES

Two successful bowls drives on behalf of the Red Cross and St. John Fund have been held at the West Cliff green, Ramsgate.

The first drive was won by H. Fleming and S. Porritt and the second resulted in a tie between H. Stonar and A. E. Creasy and W. B. Ellis and T. W. Mockridge.

In each case the winners handed back the value of their prizes and as a result the Red Cross Fund will benefit to the extent of £2.

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you can

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or

DELAY LIFTING UNTIL THE TOPS HAVE BEEN QUITE DEAD FOR 10 DAYS This is the easiest way to keep blight out of the clamps. But it is not recommended if there is danger from wireworms, slugs or frost, or if the weather is likely to be bad for lifting.

or

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EIGHTY-TWO YEARS' SERVICE

BROADSTAIRS GAS WORKERS RETIRE

Two popular workmen who, between them, have a record of 82 years' service in the employ of Broadstairs Gas Co., have just retired.

They are Mr. T. H. Martin, of 78 Norman-road, St. Peter's, and Mr. Henry E. Lambert, of 35 Northdown-road, St. Peter's. Mr. Martin was with the company for only three months short of 50 years and Mr. Lambert saw 32 years' service.

Presentations to the two men are to be made at the Rose Inn, Broadstairs, on Thursday.

Mr. Martin entered the employ of the company in 1893, when he was 15 years of age and, as he told an ADVERTISER & ECHO reporter, 'conditions of work were very different then. "When I started work," he said, "the machinery was driven by gas engines and I was the first man to take over boiler work when steam power was introduced."

In his early years at the Albion-street works, Mr. Martin was employed in making sulphate of ammonia, one of the by-products of gas manufacture, but in 1901 he took over regular shift work in the boilerhouse. And "regular shift work" in those days meant little time for leisure. Mr. Martin had to work for 12 hours a day, seven days a week and it was not until the outbreak of the last war that an eight-hour shift was introduced. In 1914 the works were removed to St. Peter's and Mr. Martin recalled the controversy which the selection of a new site caused.

Alternative Sites.

"Several schemes were put forward," he said, "and it was at one time proposed that the works should be built at Joss Bay in order that the coal could be brought straight off the boats. That idea fell through and another suggestion was that the site should be in Carlton-avenue on the land which is now the Memorial Recreation Ground. It was intended to go forward with that scheme but the Council stepped in and put a stop to that as they considered that a gas works close by the railway station was not a good advertisement to visitors making their way to the sea-front. So finally the company erected their works at St. Peter's, where the coal could be delivered direct by the railway."

Mr. Martin, who has been a member of the R.A.O.B. and of the Old Oddfellows since the end of last century, comes of an old Broadstairs family, both his parents and his grandparents having lived in the town. His father, who was for many years with the General Steam Navigation Co., was a member of the old Broadstairs lifeboat crew, and his father before him was gardener at Pierremont Park when Queen Victoria resided there occasionally. Mr. Martin's grandfather on his mother's side was Mr. Caleb Hiller, who built the Crampton Tower and was responsible for nearly all the flint work in Broadstairs.

Mrs. Martin comes from Gloucestershire and there is one daughter who married Mr. James Sullivan, now in the R.A.F. They have a two-year-old son.

Jack of All Trades.

Although he was with the company for 32 years, Mr. Lambert can say that he is a "jack of all trades" for at Ramsgate, where he was born, he had several varied occupations before going to Broadstairs 41 years ago to work for a coal merchant. He began work at the Broadstairs Gas Co. in 1910 and was in continuous employ with them until his retirement with the exception of the last war years, when he saw service with the R.A.M.C.

A member of the Isle of Thanet (Ramsgate) Lodge of the M.U.I.O.O.F. for 44 years, Mr. Lambert has one son, Mr. H. E. Lambert, who is in the National Fire Service at Broadstairs, and a married daughter.

Although they have spent hard-working lives, neither Mr. Martin nor Mr. Lambert mean to take things too easy and both are busily engaged in "digging for victory."

GLORIOUS DEFIANCE

Coast Towns Congratulated

RESPONSE TO RED CROSS APPEAL

"I am always struck by the amazing patience, courage, determination and glorious defiance of the people living in the coastal towns of our island fortress."

This tribute to the people who have survived three years of war in the coastal towns was paid by Lady Violet Astor, wife of Major the Hon. J. J. Astor, M.P. for Dover, when she addressed collectors for the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross Appeal Fund and Penny-a-Week Fund organisers at Clarendon House, Ramsgate, on Wednesday.

The Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) presided, supported by the Mayoress, Lady Carson, Mrs. Blinko, head of Ramsgate W.V.S., Mrs. D. Peete, and Mrs. Jenkins, Regional Organisers for Kent for the Duke of Gloucester's Fund.

Welcoming Lady Astor, the Mayor paid tribute to the great work she is doing on behalf of the fund. The people of Ramsgate had responded generously to all the appeals made to them in the past and they should be a brotherhood striving for one aim—victory. They must do all they could to help free the world from slavery and tyranny.

Lady Astor said she did not feel a stranger in Ramsgate for before the war she used to come over from Dover with her children to spend a day in the town. She knew the difficult conditions under which they were now living.

Splendid Start.

The Penny-a-Week Fund had recently been started in Ramsgate and Mrs. Morgan had formed an excellent committee. She wished to congratulate them on the splendid start which had been made and she thought it would grow into something really big. As chairman of the Penny-a-Week Fund for the county it was part of her duties to visit towns and villages. She had enjoyed it very much because everywhere she went she found a spirit of willingness to help. People were always anxious to do everything possible and the generosity she had found everywhere was quite overwhelming.

The Penny-a-Week Fund was really a great national contributory fund. It fell under three heads. Industrial pennies which were deducted from the wages of earners, rural pennies collected in the country and in the villages, and house-to-house collections in the towns. She wondered whether people realised the terrific value of the fund. In Kent alone in a few months they had raised £65,000 in pennies and £1,500,000 had been raised in the country as a whole. When the scheme was really thoroughly organised it was estimated it would bring in more than double that sum.

A Great Asset.

The War Organisation looked on the fund as a great asset for it was regular income and they knew roughly from month to month what was coming in. Ramsgate had in the past been amazingly generous and enormous sums of money had been contributed to the War Organisation.

Lady Astor said the War Organisation had spent two million pounds on medical supplies alone for Home and abroad. They were helping the Allies by sending them considerable sums and the organisation had already given Russia in kind a million pounds worth of goods, medical supplies, etc. A further one million pounds had been earmarked for the needs of Russia.

By far the heaviest call on the organisation was for their own prisoners of war and over five million pounds had been spent under this head.

Mrs. Blinko, chairman of the Ramsgate Penny-a-Week Fund, proposing a vote of thanks to Lady Astor, said the sum of £56 0s. 2d. was collected in the first month.

Lady Carson announced that it was hoped shortly to open in Ramsgate a centre where next-of-kin of prisoners of war could get advice about sending parcels and where they would be able to chat together.

Appealing for more collectors, the Mayor said a further flag day on behalf of the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation was to be held in the town on 5th December.

MARGATE'S £400 CHEQUE

When Lady Astor visited Margate the same day she saw the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) hand over to the Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) a cheque for £403 13s. 1d. for the Margate Prisoners of War Fund at the Town Hall.

This sum represented the profits of the fete and sports meeting held by the borough police force and special constabulary at Dane Park in August.

Supporting the Mayor, who presided, were the Mayoress (Mrs. Hoare), Lady Carson, the Vicar of Margate (the Rev. D. V. Beckingham), Lt.-Col. C. S. F. Witts, T.D., and Councillor A. C. Hatfeild, and there was a large attendance of collectors of the Margate Prisoners of War Fund.

Lady Astor congratulated the Chief Constable and those who organised the fete upon its success and said she knew a little of the amazing generosity of the Margate people.

Fewer C.D. Workers

REDUCED PERSONNEL AT RAMSGATE

Ramsgate is losing a number of its Civil Defence personnel.

Twenty members of the male paid personnel of the first aid parties are to be transferred to the Kent Mobile Reserve and the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. J. V. Walker) is to make the selection on the basis laid down by the Ministry of Health.

The report of the Civil Defence Committee, presented at a meeting of the Town Council on Thursday, stated that the Medical Officer of Health referred to the fact that on the 29th April the Senior Regional Officer of the Ministry of Health issued through the Scheme-Making Authority approved revised establishments in respect of the casualty services. The whole-time personnel establishment then authorised for the first aid posts in Ramsgate was 26. It was requested at that time that the reduction of personnel to this figure should be effected within one month. Such revised establishments assumed a part-time establishment substantially in excess of the number found to be available, and made no provision for the whole-time personnel necessary for the mobile unit first aid post.

Plea for Increase.

The Medical Officer of Health explained that in these circumstances the question of increasing the revised whole-time personnel establishment above the figure of 26 had been raised through the Scheme-Making Authority, and that in view of the circumstances he had not thought it prudent to make any reduction in the existing whole-time personnel establishment of 42 until a decision had been given on the representations made.

Officers of the Scheme-Making Authority have discussed the position with the Medical Officer of Health and other appropriate officers of the Town Council, and as a result the Senior Regional Officer of the Ministry of Health has been asked to increase the revised establishments for the first aid posts from 26 to 34 whole-time personnel. The Scheme-Making Authority pointed out, however, that it was necessary forthwith to reduce the present whole-time personnel establishment from 42 to 34, or to such lesser figure as may ultimately be fixed by the Ministry of Health.

The Medical Officer of Health reported that as a consequence he proposed to take steps to terminate the employment of eight of the whole-time personnel as from 28th August, avoiding as far as possible the causing of any hardship, and having regard to the principles laid down by the Ministry of Home Security for the absorption through the Ministry of Labour and National Service of the persons whose services are terminated.

The committee approved of the action taken and proposed by the Medical Officer of Health.

FOOD FACTS

HARVEST HOME

Apple pudding on wintry days? Runner beans for dinner in December? This is the time to make sure you will have these dishes later on. Preserve every ounce of home-grown food you can spare for the winter. You are on a *fighting food standard* now. Nothing must be wasted. Gather in the garden harvest now, so you can enjoy your 'Harvest Home' in the winter.

ELDERBERRY AND APPLE JAM

Ingredients: 3 lb. elderberries, 3 lb. apples, 5 lb. sugar. *Method:* Remove berries from stalks and wash. Warm them to draw juice. Simmer for ½ hour to soften skins. Core apples and simmer until quite soft in another pan with very little water, pass through sieve or pulp well with wooden spoon, add apples to elderberries, reheat and add sugar. Stir until dissolved and boil rapidly until jam sets. Make first test for setting after 10 minutes.

RECIPE of the WEEK No. 20

Marrow Surprise

Cooking time: 20 minutes. **Ingredients:** 1 medium sized marrow, 4 oz. grated cheese, ½ pint household milk and vegetable stock, 2 tablespoonfuls flour, 1 oz. margarine, ½ lb. carrots, 1 cup sliced beans, salt, pepper. **Quantity:** Four helpings. **Method:** Peel marrow unless garden fresh, remove seeds, slice beans and carrots, cut marrow into large pieces. Put carrots and beans in one saucepan with a little boiling salted water. Cover and cook till almost tender. Add marrow, cook for five minutes. **Cheese Sauce:** Melt margarine in a saucepan, blend in flour, cook for a few minutes, add milk and vegetable stock to make thick sauce, stir until smooth, add grated cheese. Pour sauce over marrow, carrots, beans. Brown under grill. Serve with potatoes.

Salting Beans

Salting is the best way of preserving runner or French beans. Use young fresh beans. Take a lb. of cooking salt to 3 lb. of beans.

Wash the beans, dry, string them and, if large, break into pieces. *Crush* the salt with a rolling pin. *Put a layer* of salt about 1 inch deep into the bottom of a crock or jar (any large jar will do). *Press* in a layer of beans, then another layer of salt ½ inch deep, and so on. The secret of success is to pack the salt well down on the beans. *Finish* with a layer of salt 1 inch deep. *Cover* with a cloth or paper and tie with string. *Leave* for a few days for beans to shrink.

Don't worry if contents become moist. *Just add* more beans and more salt until jar is full again. If beans are well covered with salt it doesn't matter how moist they are. *Re-cover*. Store in a dry cool place.

Before use, wash beans thoroughly in *hot* water, then soak for 2 hours in warm water. Cook in the usual way, but without salt.

Apple Rings

Here's a way of keeping apples that can be used for windfalls or blemished fruit. Wipe the apples, remove the cores and peel thinly. Cut out any blemishes. Slice into rings about ½ inch thick. Steep the rings for 10 minutes in water containing 1½ oz. of salt to the gallon. Thread the rings on sticks or canes to fit across the oven or spread on trays. Dry very slowly until they feel like chamois leather. The temperature should not exceed 150° F. Turn once or twice during cooking.

Pears can be treated in the same way, but they must be cut in halves or quarters and spread on the trays.

DRYING HERBS

Parsley, mint, sage, thyme, marjoram and bay leaves can be dried and stored for the winter. Gather the leaves on a dry day. Wash small leaved herbs such as thyme, tie in muslin bags and hang by the fire to dry. Large leaved herbs such as bay leaves should be tied in muslin, dipped in boiling water. Then dried in a cool oven, this takes about 1 hour.

FREE—Ask at any of the Food Advice Centres or Bureaux for a free copy of the *Hedgerow Harvest* leaflet, or send a postcard to the Ministry of Food, London, W.1. The leaflet contains many useful recipes for preserving wild fruits and berries.

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THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, LONDON, W.1. FOOD FACTS No. 113.

ENCOURAGING RESPONSE

N.S.P.C.C. FLAG DAY AT RAMSGATE

As a result of their first flag day held at Ramsgate since the war, the sum of £62 17s. 4d. was collected for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

The hon. organiser expresses her sincere thanks to the collectors, amongst whom were many members of the W.V.S. and the League of Pity (the junior branch of the society), to Mrs. Vye who kindly lent the shop for exhibition purposes, the Town Clerk for allowing the use of Clarendon House as a depot, and to all who helped in other ways to make the day a success.

A short time ago an N.S.P.C.C. film was shown and a collection taken at the King's Theatre realised £20 18s. 4d., making a grand total of £83 15s. 8d. for this splendid and necessary work.

The collectors were:

K Laundry, 10s. 1d.; Mrs. Smith (Manston), 2s. 8½d.; Miss Redwood (Manston), 16s. 2d.; Mrs. Blake Butler, 18s. 2d.; Mrs. Hunt, 7s. 3d.; Mrs. Hall, £3 6s.; County Laundry, 9s. 6d.; Mrs. Bull, 9s.; Mrs. Sutton Smith, £1 1s.; Mrs. Matthews, 14s.; Miss Robinson, £1 4s. 10d.; Mrs. Sivil, Peter and Teddy, £1 16s. 2d.; Miss Unterberg, £1 2s. 9d.; Mrs. Bickerton, £1 5s. 2d.; Mr. Ward, £1 1s.; Miss English, 3s. 8d.; N.F.S. (Dawson's), £2 14s. 7d.; N.F.S. (other stations), 19s. 2d.; Miss Tappenden, £1 6s. 4d.; The Vale Tavern, £1 13s. 6d.; Miss Turpie, £1 9s.; Miss G. Fenn, 19s. 1d.; Mrs. Todd, £2 2s. 6d.; Mr. Waters, 11d.; Mrs. Baker, 13s. 6d.; Mrs. Johnson, 2s. 8d.; Mr. Green, 11s. 2d.; Miss Moyes, 7s 8d.; Mrs. Redman, £1 15s. 3d.; Miss Thorpe, £1 3s. 3d.; Mrs. Skelton, £1 0s. 3d.; Miss LeGallais, £2 2s. 6d.; Miss I. Lednor (Manston), £1 3s. 9d.; Master H. A. Smith (Manston), £2; Nurse Howells, 15s. 10d.; Food Office, 6s. 11d.; Mrs. Wakefield, 11s. 3d.; Mrs. Snapes, £1 4s. 1d.; Miss M. Howell, 18s. 11d.; Dewhursts, 4s. 1d.; Master Bernard Denne, £1 2s. 10d.; Misses Neal and Gillette, £1; Mr. Butler, 4s. 10d.; Miss Newman, 6s. 9d.; Master Christopher Carr, £1 11s. 7d.; Mrs. Locke, £2 6s. 7d.; Miss Blackburn, 17s. 1d.; Mrs. Barrett, 18s. 7d.; Miss Mettam, 17s. 3d.; Mrs. Morris, 5s. 9d.; Master M. Morris, 15s. 1d.; Health Centre First Aid Post, 12s. 7d.; Miss Morgan, £2 0s. 2d.; Miss Margaret Fildes, 16s.; Miss Barbara Fildes, 19s. 6d.; Miss Ruth Glicksman, 17s.; Miss Butler, 5s. 5d.; Miss Hatch, 9s.; St. Lawrence Laundry, 4s. 3d.; Mrs. Elliatone, £2 10s.; Depot, 3s. 1d.; cheques, £2 1s.

NO ADVERSE COMMENTS

CIVIL DEFENCE PETROL CONSUMPTION

The third report of the Civil Defence Sub-Committee re petrol consumption was submitted to Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday.

For the month of July 174 gallons of petrol were issued, 167 gallons consumed and the mileage covered was 1,483.

"This consumption is slightly in excess of the preceding month," states the report, "but the average miles per gallon for all vehicles is approximately the same.

"From an examination of log books representative of the different classes of vehicles, the uses to which the cars were put were found to be reasonable and necessary, and the committee have no adverse comment to offer."

In order that the distribution of supplies of paraffin to 16 points can be reduced from once weekly to once monthly, four tanks are to be installed in various parts of the town.

LONGER HOURS BUT MORE PAY

OVERTIME FOR COUNTY COUNCIL STAFF

By 37 votes to 15 the Kent County Council, at a special meeting on Wednesday, adopted a report by the Staff (Conditions of Service) Committee which will vary the office hours, annual leave and overtime payments for members of the clerical staffs.

The official working hours of the Council's office staffs have been 37½ hours, although many officers have done a considerable amount of work outside these hours.

The hours are now to be increased to 46 per week and plain time rates of pay for overtime will be paid for the hours worked between 39 and 46.

Overtime rates will not apply to officers whose basic salaries exceed £500 a year.

As a temporary measure also holidays are not to exceed a fortnight each year.

It is estimated that the net annual expenditure involved as a result of the new proposals will be £9,730 a year.

At Wednesday's meeting Alderman W. C. Redman, of Margate, chairman of the Staff (Conditions of Service) Committee, stated that if the proposals were adopted they should be able to release 80 men for other service.

Alderman Redman revealed that whereas the number of clerical staff at 31st August, 1939, was 1,587, it had risen by 30th June of this year to 1,592.

ROMANCE AND MYSTERY

EDGAR WALLACE THRILLER AT ODEON

Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn are co-starred in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Woman of the Year," which is being presented at the Odeon, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

Here is a movie complete with every essential—brilliant stars, an exciting story, romance, comedy, sports spectacle, good direction and production. It presents Tracy as a sports writer who has no interest in life outside baseball, football and boxing until he meets Miss Hepburn, who writes the international column on the same paper. Their romance is played against comedy backgrounds. She has never seen a baseball game until she meets Tracy and he has never moved in the smart international set until he meets her. As a contrast to the comedy the supporting feature is a thrilling mystery drama, "Three Silent Men," starring Sebastian Shaw and Derrick De Marney, in which the plot centres round a secret weapon calculated to annihilate an entire enemy nation.

Filmed just as the author wrote it, Edgar Wallace's thriller "The Missing Million" is the main presentation for the last three days of the week. The story opens with Ivan Brandt, as Rex Walton, at the home of the Colemans, preparatory to his marriage with Dora (Patricia Hilliard). Going out of the room apparently to bring his wedding present to the bride, he disappears. It is also discovered that his entire fortune, amounting to a million pounds, has vanished. Why has Rex disappeared, where is the missing million, for what reason are Mr. Coleman (Brefni O'Rorke), his butler (Eric Clavering) and his nephew (John Warwick) murdered? Linden Travers plays the leading feminine role. Also being shown is "Melody Lane," with the Merry Macs.

THREE YEARS

Three serried years! Much more like
three decades
Of man's wrongdoing, bloodshed, murder
raids
Make peaceful years, all life and nature
seem
A dried oasis, a fantastic dream.
With what delight oft-times we would
survey
The promised joys of life's unmeasured
way,
How from afar each new-discovered scene
More pleasing seemed than all the past
had been.
Yet spirit power still guides the raptured
eye
To pierce the shades of dim futurity.
Shall "Things to come" in our sweet
garden grow,
Blooms for our toil, a charm for ev'ry
woe?
Shall lines of anxious thought be swept
away
To count the joys of Fortune's better
day?
Or shall we mourn with sympathising
mind
The wrongs of fate, the woes of human
kind?
Of all the mind's varied receptive moods
That through the soul come surging,
none intrudes
With such persistency as longing, yet
Constantly reminding not to forget.
We long to stay the murderer's arm
profane
That o'er the earth ruinous waste hath
lain:
We long the thug, or tyrant soon shall
see
That man hath yet a soul—and dare
be free!
We long for freedom from gaunt want
and fear,
For spiritual freedom in ev'ry sphere;
Frustration's foul designers should be
hurled
With cruel oppression's stigma from the
world.

W.R.T.

THANET A.T.C. IN CAMP

The thrill of flying was experienced for the first time last week by a number of members of the Thanet Squadron of the A.T.C. who, under Flg. Off. F. Duncan, M.C., M.M., attended an A.T.C. camp at an R.A.F. station in Buckinghamshire.

Seventy-five Thanet lads attended the camp and on arrival they paraded with about 300 others from various squadrons.

On Tuesday the programme included physical training, a five-mile route march, and in the afternoon a visit to the workshops where they saw various types of engines, equipment and planes. In the evening some of the Thanet cadets went flying with the veteran pilot Flt.-Lt. Bisgood, D.F.C.

The boys returned to Thanet on Saturday.

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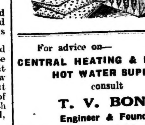

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GROWING TASK OF W.V.S.

ASSISTANT COUNTY ORGANISER AT RAMSGATE

The growing task of the W.V.S. and its contribution towards the war effort were explained by Miss W. L. B. Tower, M.B.E., assistant county organiser, when she addressed a meeting of local members at Clarendon House, Ramsgate, on Wednesday.

Speaking on the place of the W.V.S. in civil defence, Miss Tower outlined the many ways members could help the war effort. There was the staffing of rest centres and mobile canteens, and the distribution of clothing for the relief of distress. The W.V.S., she said, also helped in the work of the local Public Assistance Committee.

Continuing, Miss Tower said another important task was aiding the Ministry of Food, which included the staffing of British Restaurants and emergency cooking arrangements in the case of blitz or invasion.

The W.V.S. were also taking a large part in the fruit preservation scheme, although the Women's Institute were largely responsible for the country districts. Another important W.V.S. duty was the Red Cross Penny-a-Week Fund.

Giving further details of how members could help the country, Miss Tower said the W.V.S. often staffed canteens for the forces as well as conducting knitting and repairing parties for service uniforms.

A very important task was to assist in maintaining morale and in preventing the spreading of rumours.

MAKING THE MOST OF EXTRA STRAW

More straw than ever will be available this autumn. When all demands have been satisfied—whether for fodder, litter, thatch or for industrial purposes—there will still be a large surplus left in the principal corn-growing areas. The problem is how to utilise this surplus to best advantage. Obviously it must not be wasted. Straw may be a by-product, but it is a by-product that has made the farming industry.

In the present emergency farmers have been trying to make bricks without straw. The result is jerry-building, a structure that won't wear. The basis of agriculture is muck, and straw is the foundation of muck. The best muck is, no doubt, made in covered yards, but in war-time quantity is of more importance than quality; and the covered yard needs to be supplemented by open yards where surplus straw can be more freely used. Open yards can be all straw—baled straw for the walls and loose straw for the litter. They can be made in a corner of a stubble field, whence the dung can be conveniently carted out for the benefit of ensuing crops.

If straw is a waste product it is also a means for preventing waste—waste of urine and of seepage from the manure heap. Middens in the field should be of the cart-over type and should first be well bottomed with straw. The liquid portion of the manure is more valuable than the solid. It contains relatively more nitrogen and nearly all of the potash present in the food consumed, and in solution. Straw itself contains an appreciable amount of potash. Indeed, farmyard manure is by far our largest source of this important constituent of plant food, and until the end of last century was almost the only source available to farmers. With imported supplies of potash now largely cut off, and phosphates inadequate to meet all requirements, the efficient conservation of farmyard manure is of vital national importance.

There are other ways of utilising straw to good advantage, e.g. by ploughing it in. But there is just one precaution to be taken—the ploughing in of unrotted straw tends, at first, to deplete the soil of available nitrogen. For a time it is locked up in the bodies of the organisms whose job it is to break down and activate the manurial constituents of the straw. Hence, when straw is ploughed in, it is necessary to add nitrogen—1 to 1½ cwt. of sulphate of ammonia per ton of straw. Before ploughing in, the straw should preferably be chaffed or broken up by peg drum and wetted by rain.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

The Isle of Thanet again suffered from the attentions of enemy airmen on Monday night, when a squadron of raiding machines, believed to be about six in number, dropped some bombs. Two people, Edward Little and Harold Long, were killed. The raid was carried out in the brilliant light of a harvest moon but the raiders were flying at a great height and were not discernible.

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Alderman Lazarus Hart, the senior member of Ramsgate Council and an ex-Mayor of the town, died at 19 Albion-place on Thursday. He was in his 87th year.

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Congratulations will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Austen, of Hereson-road, Ramsgate, on the fact that their son, Spr. Arthur C. Austen, R.E., has been awarded the Military Medal.

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After considerably over a year's anxious waiting, Mr. H. M. Fletcher, of Margate-road, Ramsgate, has received official intimation that his son, Rflmn. H. M. Fletcher, of the Rifle Brigade, must now be regarded as killed.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. Ebbett, of Hereson-road, Ramsgate—the parents of a well-known family of service sons—have just suffered another severe loss by the death of Ord. Smn. Frederick Stephen Ebbett, one of their boys. He is the second member of the family to die at the post of duty in five weeks.

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Sgt. A. E. Darby, of The Buffs, son of Mr. Darby, of the Dolphin Inn, Broadstairs, has been granted a commission in the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regt. Sgt. Darby joined the colours in the first month of the war and was wounded in March on the western front.

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At a farewell dinner to the large staff which has been employed at the Grand Hotel, Broadstairs, for some time, the artistes included Mr. Robert Dennant and Miss Florence Clare.

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The Rev. A. Littledale, of the staff of St. George's Church, Ramsgate, was married at St. James's Church, Garlinge, on Saturday, to Miss Edith Elsie Margaret Campbell, of Westgate.

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Margate men reported killed in action include Pte. H. Jennery and Pte. E. Perkins, both of the Royal West Kents.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

LINKING THE LIGHTSHIPS

The Trinity steam yacht arrived in Dover Bay on Monday afternoon and took off a large party of the Trinity Masters. The vessel proceeded to the Goodwin lightship for the purpose of obtaining information with reference to the proposal telegraphically to connect the lightship with the shore. The vessel will continue her inspection of the east coast. We believe it is proposed to connect the East Goodwin and North Sand Head lightships by telephone with the shore, the cable being joined to the one from Ostend and being landed at Dumpton Gap, where the receiving house will be erected.

BEST FOR BILLIARDS

Two hundred or so members of the Ramsgate Constitutional Club assembled in the spacious new billiard-room on Monday at a concert to inaugurate this recent addition to the premises. The billiard-room is one of the finest of its kind in the town and is to contain two tables at present but it is capable of holding three. It is well lit in the day-time by two large glass-top lights and at night by rows of gas brackets down the walls in addition to the usual table lights.

SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL

A very interesting ceremony took place in Monkton on Thursday on the occasion of the departure of Mr. J. Jackson from Monkton to Ickham. Mr. Jackson has always taken a great interest in all matters concerning the welfare of the place, especially the Drum and Fife Band and the Cricket Club. He was presented with a handsome dressing-case and an address thanking him for the keen interest he had taken in the members of the two clubs, both for their spiritual and temporal good.

PLACID BROADSTAIRS

Writing in "The Caterer," Mr. Howard Paul, the well-known London journalist, gives an interesting description of his experiences at Broadstairs. "The spot in Thanet that captures my fancy," he says, "is Broadstairs. In modern times it was brought into notice by the late Charles Dickens. I fancy Dickens took to Broadstairs because it was and still is a quiet, peaceful place, with splendid air, and here he could pursue his literary work with little interruption. Times have changed since the author of 'David Copperfield' lived here. It is a neat little placid town, clean as a new pin, with firm, fine sands, beautiful walks along the cliffs and through the fields, and no finer, bracing or 'tonicky' air blows on the shores of England straight from the sea. Broadstairs is a favourite place for honeymoon couples. There they can sit upon the rocks hand in hand and look out upon the sea when not gazing into each other's eyes, without rude interruptions; or, locked arm in arm they can wander through the coppices, groves and plantations, away from the ken of inquisitive, prying eyes. Benedict and Beatrice are safe at Broadstairs. It is a cosy, quiet place for a first nest. Here they can bill and coo to their hearts' content and no one to say them nay."

THE SELECTORS

Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday elected the Selection Committee—the committee which makes recommendations to the Council for the constitution of standing committees for the ensuing municipal year.

The members elected were Aldermen W. Hawkins, T. W. Mockridge, A. E. Petley, W. T. Smith and C. R. Woodhams and Councillors S. J. Austin, O. Hughes, W. G. Love, P. Turner, F. C. Miller and the Rev. Harcourt Samuel.

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BROADSTAIRS

Choir Boys' Tea.—After being entertained to tea the boys of Broadstairs Holy Trinity Church choir and boy servers were taken to a cinema show by the Rector (Rev. C. H. Bailey).

Legacy to Church.—The late Miss Elizabeth Jane Holmes, of Breese Holm, Knight's-avenue, Broadstairs, left a legacy of £50 to Broadstairs Parish Church.

For the Navy.—During July St. Peter's Good Companions sent to the Navy League 18 pairs of sea-boot stockings, seven pullovers, two helmets and six pairs of mitten-gloves.

Extension of Service.—The period of service of Mr. W. Long, baling attendant at Broadstairs Refuse Disposal Works, who attains the age of 65 on 13th September, is to be extended for a further 12 months.

Aces Competition.—In the Aces bowls competition at Broadstairs Memorial Recreation Ground W. Sizer and H. Gilham defeated F. J. Morgan and W. Finch 35—16, the winners of this match later defeating A. Pass and F. Shrubshall 20—15.

Tanks for Attack.—The first six weeks of the Broadstairs "Tanks for Attack" National savings for the week ended 29th August amounted to £646, comprising £338 in savings certificates, £15 in defence bonds and an increase of £293 in deposits at the Post Office Savings Bank.

Pierremont Restaurant Surplus.—For the four weeks from 6th July to 1st August Broadstairs Pierremont Restaurant showed a surplus carried to net revenue account of £8 14s. 7d. For some months previously the restaurant was being run at a loss. The price of meals has since been increased.

Funeral of Mrs. A. M. B. Shannon.—The funeral took place at St. Peter's Churchyard on Tuesday of Mrs. Alice Mary Bleackley Shannon, of Elm Lodge, Ranelagh-grove, St. Peter's, widow of the late Mr. R. J. Shannon, who passed away at the age of 81. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith.

Cricket.—Broadstairs Cricket Club played a drawn game with the Royal Air Force at St. Peter's last week. Broadstairs knocked up 120 for 7 wickets before declaring, H. Mitchell scoring 47 and F. Rudland 32. When stumps were drawn the Air Force had scored 94 for the loss of 5 wickets. E. King was the chief contributor with 49. McCutcheon took 3 wickets for 39 runs and Thomas 2 for 24.

Prefer to Wait.—Broadstairs Council have informed the Admiralty that after consulting with the local Warship Week Committee they do not consider it desirable that the proposal that H.M.S. Whirlwind should be adopted by the towns of Margate, Ramsgate and Broadstairs and St. Peter's should be approved, but that it would be preferable to wait until the Admiralty are in a position to revive the name Thanet for one of H.M. ships.

Allotment Holders' Association.—At a meeting at the Gymnasium, Pierremont Hall, Broadstairs allotment holders decided to form an Allotment Holders' Association. The meeting was presided over by Councillor O. Robinson, chairman of the Allotments Committee of the Council. The following were elected to the committee: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. K. M. Ward, Mr. A. Barker, Mr. W. Harty, Mr. D. Hewitt, Mr. P. D. Jeffery, Mr. J. Page and Mr. T. Pantony.

Bus Stops.—The Chairman of Broadstairs Council (Councillor B. J. Pearson) and the chairman of the General Purposes Committee (Councillor E. K. Minter) have been appointed by the Council to meet representatives of the East Kent Road Car Co. and of the police in connection with the preparation, at the request of the Regional Transport Commissioner, of a scheme for the establishment of fixed stopping places on omnibus routes in the urban district. Any scheme provisionally agreed is to be submitted to the General Purposes Committee in due course.

Red Cross Whist.—Thirteen tables were in play at the weekly partner whist drive in aid of Red Cross funds held at the Rose Inn, Broadstairs, on Friday. Miss Doggeral and Mr. J. Walton and Mrs. Admans and Miss Jenkins shared the first and second prizes and other prizewinners were Mrs. Caveney, Mr. F. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Strevens, Mrs. Cartridge, Miss Elma, Sgt. Durnford, Sgt. Miles, Mrs. Spratling and Mr. R. Lawrence, who was M.C. The drive was organised by Mrs. Barker. Proceeds of the August drives, amounting to £10, have been forwarded to the Red Cross.

MARGATE

Solvent Again.—The Finance Committee of Margate Town Council report that no application for special Government assistance was made in respect of August as is was not required.

Library Issues.—During June and July issues from the lending departments of Margate Public Library numbered 34,060 compared with 26,064 for the corresponding period last year. The daily average was 740 as against 592.

Vicar's Farewell.—The Rev. D. V. Beckingham, Vicar of St. John's, Margate, who has accepted the living of St. Mary's, Folkestone, will preach his farewell sermon at Margate on Sunday, 27th September. His induction at Folkestone will take place on Saturday, 3rd October, and will be performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Army Discharge.—Sgt. Dennis Solly, of the Grenadier Guards, the first member of Margate police force to join the Army, has been discharged from the service owing to an ear injury caused by an explosion when undergoing special training. He had been in Margate police force only six months when war broke out. He was recalled for service and was in the Dunkirk evacuation.

WAR-TIME SCOUTING

Boy Scouts throughout the Empire mourn the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent. For the past 13 years he was Commodore of the Sea Scouts and of the Deep-Sea Scouts (Scouts serving in the Royal Navy and Merchant Navy). On behalf of the Scouts of the Empire, the Chief Scout, Lord Somers, sent the following telegram to H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent:

"The Boy Scouts Association ask your Royal Highness to accept their very deep sympathy. We feel a great sense of loss in the death of our Commodore for Sea Scouts and Deep-Sea Scouts."

At the funeral service in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, the Rev. Leonard Spiller, Assistant Headquarters Commissioner for Deep-Sea Scouts, represented Sea Scouts and Deep-Sea Scouts.

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This week marks a further step in the gradual building up of Scouting locally, as this evening at 7.15 three troops are meeting together for a Warrant presentation to Mr. Gibbens as Assistant Scoutmaster of the 5th Ramsgate Troop. If fine it will take place in St. George's School Ground, while if wet in the headquarters of the Ramsgate Central Composite Troop at the rear of the Congregational Church. The presentation will be made by Mr. C. F. Wraight, the A.D.C., for the District Commissioner.

In the near future Mr. Martin-Tomson will himself present Miss L. Powell with the first Cubber Warrant to be issued since the lapse of Wolf Cubs during the last two years. Miss Powell is the first Cub Master of the Ramsgate Central Composite Group, and is also in the W.R.N.S. It is hoped to arrange another joint meeting on this occasion.

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The meeting of East Kent Scouts on Saturday and Sunday, 26th and 27th September, will be only for those aged over 15. It is called on the list the Deal Training Week-end, as it is in the area of that association, but it will actually take place at Eastry. Names of those wishing to go should be sent to the A.D.C. in the next few days.

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Each Scouter should by now be in possession of the report of the commission on Post-War Scouting. Every patrol leader should try and commit to memory the more important features in it—so that he can become a brains trust in the matter for his patrol. It has a rather awe-inspiring title for a booklet, but it is easily understood by the youngest Scout. Some of the things in it will be brought into our Scouting right away, with a gradual incorporation of the whole, so that there will be no sudden differences after the war.

It is very comprehensive and deals with ever so many interesting things—policy, uniform, relations with churches, the press, broadcasting and films, training, badges and awards, to name only a few. There is nothing to stop you getting your own copy as it costs only 3d.

In every association a get-together of representative senior Scouts, patrol leaders and Scouters will shortly take place to have a pow-wow about it, and we shall have our own here—probably by the time the next Scout Column appears it will have taken place.

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This time we have only a short list of proficiency badges won during the month, but as during the next fortnight quite a number of Scouts are going in for badge tests, next month's list should be quite a considerable one I think. Those won in September up to date are:

Cyclist Badge—P.L. John Beadle, P.L. Ronald Mannings and P.L. Frank Sawtell (all 1st St. Lawrence).

The examiner was Mr. W. Sherrington, of the Central Composite Group, who said quite a good mechanical knowledge was shown, while the map-reading and verbal message and knowledge of the Highway Code was up to standard.

I have found quite a number of Scouts a little perplexed about the test, which states the applicant must have shown good use was made of his machine in the last six months. They seem to think he must have cycled from Ramsgate to Lands End and back. Of course no such thing is intended. To get you to your work or Scout meeting, to keep you out in the fresh air after school or work, to take you on some job of National Service, to get round and do more good turns, not forgetting a little Lone Scouting, finding out alternative short cuts between given points, judging distance, exploring your own locality as that fine discovery chart shows you in a dozen different ways, or map-reading or making up a short distance sketch map and report for, say, a five-mile spin, in preparation for that most important 1st Class Hike—that is the meaning of "good use." A hundred-and-one uses except doing circles outside your own front door or somebody else's door in a three-yard radius without colliding with your pal's cycle doing a smaller circle in a quicker turn.

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Our list of badge examiners was issued about four years ago, and in many cases is out of date through war-time reasons. Many examiners are away or in the services. In the near future this list is being revised for present use, although I will say that, thanks to the very great consideration shown to Scouts by busy examiners, or by someone else who is duly qualified to act as an examiner, no Scout or Cub in this association has so far been unable to go in for any badge that he wished to gain. Also in no case has a Scoutmaster been under the necessity of examining his own Scouts for proficiency badges.

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"I enclose a small gift (of money) to help the future generation." This is the practical thanks of a naval officer for Scout training. He spent six months hiding in enemy territory and has now reached this country safely, due, he considers, entirely to his Scout training. In a letter to Imperial Headquarters he writes "I have a lot to thank Scouting for in good times, but above all I thank it for the training it gave me which helped me during the six months I spent in hiding in enemy-occupied territory. To say it was invaluable then would be no overstatement, so I enclose a small gift to help the future generation."

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Coupons for uniform have bothered one Scout troop! So they dyed and cut up an old sheet and used it for Scout scarves. No name, no pack drill, makes a good excuse for this secret.

C.F.W.

FEWER DINERS

PIERREMONT RESTAURANT DEFENDED

A suggestion by Councillor H. Bing that the Pierremont Restaurant might have outlived its usefulness appeared to find little support at a meeting of Broadstairs Council on Monday.

Councillor B. Humphrey, chairman of the British Restaurant Committee, said that even if the Council wished to close the restaurant he doubted whether the Ministry of Food would for one moment allow them to do so.

Under Standing Orders Councillor E. K. Minter had given notice of four questions addressed to the chairman of the British Restaurant Committee.

They were what "shortages" there had been at the restaurant since it had been opened, the value of the loss, how much had been replaced, and what steps had been taken to prevent a recurrence.

Councillor Humphrey replied that there had been no shortages, the answers to the second and third questions were "nil" and to the fourth question "none."

Councillor Bing said he was rather concerned at the declining attendance at the restaurant and he wondered whether it had not outlived its usefulness. Only two and a half per cent. of the population of Broadstairs used the Pierremont Restaurant. On an average only 116 persons per day used the restaurant and something like 20 of this number were civil defence workers. The takings were only £5 a day and he wondered whether the time had not arrived when the Council should consider whether it was worth while running it. It must be very depressing for a man like Councillor Humphrey who had put a lot of work into the project to find the attendance gradually diminishing.

Knew of Losses.

Referring to a paragraph in the report which recommended that Councillor Humphrey and Councillor S. W. Fright be authorised to purchase such consumable equipment for the restaurant as might be required to replace losses which had been sustained by breakages, Councillor Minter said Councillor Humphrey had told them there were no losses and no breakages. He knew there had been a big loss through breakages and shortages.

Councillor Humphrey said the report did not refer to shortages. To his mind shortages implied pilfering and a leakage of goods. If Councillor Minter had referred in his question to breakages there would have been an entirely different answer. To imply that there had been shortages was an accusation which should never have been made.

Councillor F. Foster said he thought they were in order in asking the amount of breakages since the restaurant was first opened.

Councillor Fright said he and Councillor Humphrey were deputed to make purchases to replace breakages because of increasing costs. He estimated the cost of replacing goods which had been broken at £15, and in peace-time the cost would have been about £7. The restaurant had been open for about 72 weeks so the cost of breakages worked out at about 2s. a week. He knew nothing about shortages and the remark should be withdrawn.

Councillor Minter said he had intended no reflection on the staff and was quite prepared to withdraw the word.

Councillor G. W. Lane said the Government had told them they had got to be in a position to supply people with a good square meal each day. The restaurant was really an insurance premium against anything which might occur to prevent people getting their meals in their own homes.

First Line Defence.

Councillor Humphrey said the Ministry of Food were still encouraging the opening of British Restaurants in all parts of the country and some authorities had almost been compelled to open them. It was a provision against an emergency. The Pierremont Restaurant was a first line defence in the event of the utility services being dislocated.

When the restaurant had been open 15 months up to 18th June breakages amounted to 356 plates, 81 cups, 78 saucers and 46 other utensils. The period covered was 400 days, during the course of which something like 60,000 meals were served. One plate had been broken in every 500 used and one cup and one saucer in every 250 used. He had yet to learn that that was an extraordinary amount of breakages.

They estimated that the cost of replacement was between £15 and £20 at the outside and already two-thirds had been replaced at a cost of £13 16s. 1d. He considered it a very satisfactory state of affairs.

It had been stated that only a small percentage of people used the restaurant. The absence of food shortage in Broadstairs was due to the fact that many people were growing their own vegetables but there were some people who through lack of time or infirmity were unable to grow their own food. A number of people fully engaged in business were not in a position to provide themselves with a proper mid-day meal.

Although the Council might express a wish to close the restaurant, he did not think for one moment that the Ministry of Food would permit them to do so, concluded Councillor Humphrey.

BROADSTAIRS TRIBUTE

TO DUKE OF KENT

Representatives of the town in which he attended school during his younger days paid tribute to the memory of the Duke of Kent when Broadstairs Council met on Monday.

After reading the telegram of condolence which he sent to the Duchess and the reply received, the Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) said the country and the Empire had sustained a great loss. They knew of the great interest the Duke took in the county which bore his name and the pride with which the people of Kent heard that the name of Kent was again to be a dukedom.

So far as Broadstairs was concerned, continued Councillor Pearson, their sorrow was great for in his youth the Duke of Kent spent some of his school days at Broadstairs. Fresh in their minds was his visit to Broadstairs in June, 1939, when he inspected their civil defence organisation and they were very much aware of his keen interest. It was with a sense of pride that they learned that his death came while on active service.

The members stood for a few moments in silent tribute.

MIDNIGHT FALL FROM WINDOW

CHEERFUL SOLDIER'S TRAGIC DEATH

The tragic death of a young soldier who fell 35ft. from the bedroom window of his billet into a concrete basement area was described to Ramsgate Borough Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) on Friday.

The inquest was on Gnr. Bernard Dobson, aged 27, a married man.

Gnr. Dobson was a short man—he stood only 5ft. 2ins.—and shortly before midnight on Wednesday he fell through the window, the sill of which was only a little over 2ft. from the floor.

The Coroner returned a verdict of accidental death.

Lt. D. C. Wadman said Dobson was a very good soldier—hard-working and willing and always cheerful and happy. He was well liked by all the members of his unit.

About midnight on Wednesday witness was called to the billet and found Dobson lying on his back in the basement area. He appeared to be dead and was removed in the military ambulance. He thought it extremely unlikely that Dobson would have attempted to take his own life.

Gnr. J. P. Gallagher said he and Dobson were billeted in the same house. He was a very likeable fellow and always seemed cheerful and happy. At 6.45 on Wednesday they arranged to go to the pictures together. After the show they visited a public-house, each having three pints of beer. They left about 10.30 and were both perfectly sober. When they reached the billet at 10.45 they said good-night and went to their own rooms. Dobson was laughing and joking as they returned to their billet.

Always Happy and Singing.

Gnr. W. Smith said Dobson was one of the most likeable chaps he had ever met and was always happy and singing. At 10.30 p.m. on Wednesday witness saw Dobson and Gallagher returning to the billet. They were both perfectly sober.

Witness said he slept in the same room as Dobson, whose bed was right under the bottom sash of the window, which was open. Witness came off guard and went to bed at 11.5 p.m. but as it was dark he did not look to see if Dobson was in bed. The sill of the window was about 2ft. above the floor. At midnight witness was awakened and told that Dobson had fallen out of the window. Dobson wore glasses occasionally for reading but he was not very short-sighted.

Gnr. H. Greenwood, who also slept in the room with Dobson, said Dobson was asleep when witness went to bed at about five minutes to 11.

Gnr. H. Lucas said he was on duty in the guard-room at about 11.45 when he heard a crash and a noise like a tin can rattling. Witness at first thought it was cats. He then heard someone groaning and going to the basement yard at the front of the building found Gnr. Dobson. He was lying on his back about 6ft. from the wall of the house, directly under the window of his bedroom. He was dressed only in his vest.

Lt. J. G. Mott, R.A.M.C., said Dobson was admitted to hospital about 12.50 a.m. He was then dead. Death was due to intra-cranial hæmorrhage following a fracture of the base of the skull. There was also bruising and abrasions to the left hip and left hand. The injuries were consistent with deceased having fallen from a height of 35ft. on to concrete.

Normal Letter.

P/S Files said he visited the billet at 1.25 a.m. on Thursday with Inspr. Fittall. Dobson's bedroom was on the fourth floor, overlooking the yard. There was no lighting in the room and the bottom sash of the window, which was then closed, was covered with black-out material. Dobson's bed was about 3ft. from the window. On the bed were some underblankets but no overblankets. The bed appeared to have been recently slept in. Dobson's clothing was at the side of his bed. There was also an unposted letter.

After reading the letter the Coroner said it was a perfectly normal letter to a friend sympathising with him because someone was missing.

Continuing, P/S Files said there was no disorder in the room. The distance from the windowsill to the floor was 2ft. 3ins. The width of the lower sash was 4ft. 6ins. and the depth 3ft. 3ins. The distance from the windowsill to the yard below was 35ft. 3ins.

"I noticed it would be quite easy to overbalance out of the window owing to the low sill," said witness. He formed the opinion that it would be quite easy for Dobson to have fallen through the window accidentally while feeling his way round the room in the dark in order to visit the lavatory. He understood Dobson was only 5ft. 2ins. in height.

Returning his verdict, the Coroner said there was no evidence that Dobson's fall was caused through any outside agency. He was not the type of man who was likely to take his own life. He thought the accident probably happened in the way described by Sgt. Files or deceased might have felt hot, gone to the window and overbalanced. He was satisfied that death was accidental.

HOW RAMSGATE IS SAVING

There is an outstanding achievement to record in this month's returns of group savings in Ramsgate. With an increase of only two over its previous month's membership, the Norman-road group raised its total from £6 10s. to £129 3s., and goes to the top of the ladder. This is a group that has done consistently well over the last three months, although it still has only a fairly small membership.

Middle Hereson group comes second on the list with £34 10s., an increase of 219 per cent., and Dumpton Park-road third with £7 15s., an increase of over 192 per cent. Queen's-avenue has increased its membership by six and its month's total from £5 14s. 6d. to £14 3s. Montefiore and the Borough Police groups are up by over 100 per cent., while 25 other groups also show increases.

Everything goes to show that the ladder has roused great keenness among groups, and that the system of working on percentage increases each month gives even the smallest group a chance to go to the top of the ladder.

Cliffs End is the latest of the outlying districts of the town to form its own group, which is already doing quite well. The secretary is Mrs. A. M. Young, of Little Oaks, Sandwich-road.

On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN AND WOMEN

Gnr. Albert Squire, R.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Squire, of the York Arms, Ramsgate, who had a long period in hospital after the Crete battle, is now back with his unit. In his letters home he speaks of his friendship with Gnr. Bill Attwell, of Broadstairs, who is with him out there. Bill formerly worked for Messrs. Vye and Son at their Broadstairs premises.

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Twenty-year-old Joan Prett and her sister Joyce, aged 18, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Prett, of 77 Norman-road, St. Peter's, have both gained their "Acwm. 1." They have now been in the W.A.A.F. for nine months. Their brothers-in-law, Arthur Ledger, of 22 Dumpton Park-drive, Ramsgate, and John Williams, of Norman-road, St. Peter's, are both sergeants in the R.A.F., and have been in the service seven and 12 years respectively.

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P/C Stan Duffield, of the Kent County Constabulary at Challock, who will be remembered by local boys as warrant officer of the Ramsgate Sea Cadets, has just entered the Royal Navy. His wife was formerly Miss Winifred Commerford, of Ramsgate, and they have a bonny son Barry, who was 12 months old last week. Stan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Duffield, who were at one time in business in Ramsgate, now live in Ashford.

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L/Bdr. Arthur Lawrence, who was formerly in the Broadstairs detachment of the Red Cross, is now with the R.A. in India. Since he has been there, he says, he has not had a dry shirt on for the temperature is usually 112. In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lawrence, at 24 Northdown-road, St. Peter's, however, he mentions that he has been up in the hills and found it a little cooler there.

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Alan, Tom and Hammond Fassam, sons of Mrs. E. K. Wilkinson, a Ramsgate magistrate, temporarily living at Uttoxeter, are all serving in the R.A.F. Tom is a pilot-officer and Hammond served with the R.F.C. in the last war. Both Alan and Hammond were at one time on the staff of the ADVERTISER & ECHO.

You like to have news from your sons and daughters in the forces—so do we. We invite you to pass on their stories to us so that their friends may know how they are getting along.

Maurice Lumer, who was in business in Queen-street, Ramsgate, has now joined the R.A.F. He is another of the young Ramsgate men who, like Sid Winter, also in the R.A.F., served in the special constabulary.

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"Dusky belles chanting and dancing a sort of war dance" are referred to in a letter from A/B Eddie Stafford who, until the war, was an assistant master at Holy Trinity Boys' School, Broadstairs. In a letter from Madagascar quoted in the Broadstairs parish magazine this month, Eddie speaks of his experiences on a motor launch journey. Near a rocky part of the coast the engine stalled and they fetched up on the beach. The entire male population of the village—about half a dozen wattle huts—lent a hand while the dusky belles supplied their entertainment. About half-an-hour later the natives brought a can of steaming coffee and another of rice pudding and honey and afterwards two of the party returned to the village, where the natives entertained them by playing quietly on "weird stringed instruments."

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Cpl. Rob Jones, of the R.A.F., another former member of our staff, has been transferred to the R.A.F. Regiment. He recently underwent a strenuous course of training.

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Pte. Tom King, son of Mr. W. H. King, who, before the war, carried on a fishmonger's business at St. Peter's, uses the adjective "interesting" to describe life in Malta, where he is serving with the Durham Light Infantry. His father is now living near Bristol and his elder brother Billy, until recently in a barrage balloon unit, is now taking a technical course in the R.A.F.

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Two Ramsgate gunners in the R.A. went back to their unit at the week-end after enjoying seven days' leave in the town. Both old boys of Ellington School, they were Harold Osborne, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Osborne, of 33 Nixon-avenue, and Harold Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hall, of 6 Nixon-avenue. Gnr. Osborne is a member of a well-known fishing family and his brother Bert is still working on trawlers. Another brother, Arthur, who, like Harold, is a gunner in the R.A., is in the Middle East. Gnr. Hall was a member of the Ramsgate Apollo Boys' Club.

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Also on leave last week was A/C/H/G/D George Haynes, of the R.A.F., whose home is at 1 Northwood-road, Ramsgate. In more peaceful days he kept an ice-cream stall on the sea-front.

MINSTER

Mr. W. R. Finch.—A resident in Minster for 30 years, Mr. William Robert Finch passed away at 2 Norton-villas, High-street, on Wednesday. He worked at farms in the district and until recently was employed as a jobbing gardener. There are two sons and two daughters. The funeral took place at Minster Cemetery on Saturday.

Death of Mr. H. Setterfield.—Mr. Harry Setterfield, who lived at Minster until two years ago, when he moved to Upstreet, died at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital on Tuesday at the age of 70 years. Throughout his life he worked on local farms and his mother still lives in Minster. He leaves one son, who is serving in the Navy. The funeral took place at Margate Cemetery on Saturday.

Former Police Sergeant's Death.—Formerly sergeant in charge of the Minster sub-division of the Kent County Constabulary, Mr. Thomas Vince, of 3 Eden-cottages, Prospect-road, Minster, died at Margate Hospital on Tuesday. He was 72 years of age. Prior to coming to Minster Mr. Vince served in the constabulary at Deal, Eastry, Wingham, Preston and Woodnesborough and he retired from the force in 1925 but since then he had carried out special summer duties at Minster. A member of the Wingham Lodge of the M.U.I.O.O.F., he leaves a widow, two sons and four daughters.

Overtime With Pay

FOR MARGATE COUNCIL STAFF

Margate Council will to-day be asked to approve recommendations by the Staff and Salaries Sub-Committee similar to those adopted by the Kent County Council last week.

If the recommendations are approved the clerical staff will have to work longer hours, for which they will be paid overtime, but holiday periods will be reduced.

The object of the proposals is to release staff for other essential services.

It is recommended that in the case of the Town Clerk's, Borough Surveyor's, Medical Officer's and Borough Treasurer's departments the 44-hour week be adopted and that extended hours begin as soon as staff can be released from the departments, but that subject to report to the Emergency Committee and to the chairman of the sub-committee the working week may be extended to 46 hours in any particular department where circumstances from time to time make this necessary.

Payment at "plain rates" (exclusive of war bonus) would be made for the difference between an assumed present working week of 39 hours and 44 (or 46) hours but that officers with a basic salary exceeding £500 should not be eligible provided that an officer whose salary (excluding bonus) exceeds £500 per annum should not receive less than an officer who was entitled to the payment.

Overtime payments would not apply to superannuation contributions, supplementary pay or payment in respect of sickness, holidays, etc.

Overtime would not be paid in respect of hours in excess of 46, such overtime to be adjusted by a "give and take" arrangement with the head of the department.

It is recommended that the arrangement should be applied to any of the departments not mentioned above if and when members of existing staffs can be released or additional appointments avoided.

There would be no extensions in the present hours that the offices are open to the public and the office hours for a normal war-time working week would be: Monday to Friday 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2.15 p.m. to 5.45 p.m.; Saturday 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Council in committee approved the recommendations and further recommended that the annual leave of all officers be restricted to two weeks, the leave to be taken in one period of two weeks or in broken periods as the Council might determine having regard to the exigencies of the service, it being intended that the convenience of the officer should be consulted and accommodated in so far as is possible having regard to the demands of the service.

FISH OUT OF WATER

WAYFARER TO QUIT THANET

George Catt, aged 58, no fixed abode, was charged at Margate police court on Friday with persistently wandering abroad, lodging in the open-air, and failing to give a good account of himself.

P/C Curtis said he saw defendant in Cecil-street at 12.50 a.m. and asked him where he was going. He replied that he was going to a shop to get tea and cakes. When told the shops were closed he said "All right, I know where they keep the cake. I will get in and help myself."

Catt was taken to the police station, where he was seen by Inspr. Croucher and the police surgeon. When charged he said "That's a very nice charge. I can refute that successfully." In his possession were his ration book, identity card and a halfpenny.

Inspr. Croucher said he had seen defendant on previous nights. He was recently turned out of the General Hospital, where he made a general nuisance of himself, at 4.50 a.m., and witness directed him to a place of shelter. He had nowhere to go. His identity card bore an address at Leopold-street, Ramsgate, but he said he had never stayed there, although he was going to once. He had a room for a night in Hardres-street, Ramsgate.

Defendant told the bench he had been working in a canteen in London. Since he had been in Thanet—about three weeks—he had been sleeping mostly in shelters. He suffered from insomnia and had been to an institution for treatment but they had told him they could do nothing for him. His real desire was to get back to Vancouver and take up his old work of lumbering. He was like a fish out of water in this country.

The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said there was no work for such a man in this district and if he would go back to London he (the Chief Constable) had received an offer to pay his fare. He had been a nuisance in Margate and Ramsgate.

Defendant promised to go to London and stay away from Thanet.

The Chairman (Alderman E. S. Linington) announced that the case would be dismissed.

ALDERMAN'S RETURN

Alderman and Mrs. R. J. Mallam, who have been temporarily living away from the town, have returned permanently to their home in Crescent-road, Ramsgate.

Alderman Mallam took his seat on the aldermanic bench at the monthly meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday.

CANON COCKS

Canon Cocks, Vicar of St. John's, Felixstowe, and a former curate at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, has been appointed Rural Dean of Colneys in succession to Canon Waller.

In October Canon Cocks will have completed 21 years as Vicar of St. John's.

His many Thanet friends will congratulate Canon Cocks on his appointment.

The British soldier's boots weigh 1lb. less than in 1918—3lbs. 13ozs. as against 5lbs. in the last war.

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Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Whist Drives held every evening at the Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m.

Hotel Alterations.—On the application of Mr. A. R. Young Ramsgate magistrates on Monday granted an application for consent to structural alterations to the Red Lion Hotel.

License Transfer.—Ramsgate magistrates on Monday consented to the transfer of the license of the West Cliff Tavern from William Punter Evans to Edwin Manning Edwards.

You cannot do better than take anything you have to sell to an old-established firm. Prosser and Newbery buy old gold, jewellery, silver plate, glass, cutlery, etc. Licensed valuers. 47 and 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Odeon Talent Competition.—The Friday services night programmes at the Odeon Theatre, Ramsgate, are proving as popular as ever. As one of the finalists was unable to appear, the final of the talent competition has been postponed until 18th September.

Red Cross Whist.—Another garden whist drive in aid of the Red Cross Fund is to be held at 164 High-street, Ramsgate, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. Newth, on Thursday. The Mayoress (Mrs. A. B. C. Kempe) will present the prizes. If wet the drive will be held in the house.

Coo.—On account of the greater measure of maintenance necessary in consequence of the installation of the cuckoo adaptors, Ramsgate and District Electric Supply Co. Ltd. are to be paid £3 instead of £2 a month for maintaining the sirens.

Wardens' Clerk.—In view of additional duties which she has had to undertake following the calling up for military service of P/C Young, who was acting as liaison officer in the Wardens' Office of Ramsgate Civil Defence Service, the salary of Mrs. Walker, temporary clerk, has been increased from £3 to £3 10s. per week.

EXCELLENT RESULTS

ST. GEORGE'S EXAMINATION SUCCESSES

In spite of the war-time difficulties of evacuation, accommodation and depleted staff, the pupils of St. George's Central Boys' School, Ramsgate, evacuated to St. Mary's, Stafford, have recorded some excellent results in examinations taken during July.

The number of boys attending the school is now well below 100.

Those who obtained passes were as follows:

Oxford School Certificate—S. Newman, H. Sanders, R. Cro (exemption from matriculation), D. Buss, J. Holt, C. Moffit, G. Pain, K. Prett, A. Belsey.

London Chamber of Commerce—Mathematics: R. Hamblin, C. Hodges, W. Moody, T. Smith, D. Walton (distinction), J. Wood, K. Peyto, J. Markwell, B. Fagg, A. Bing, C. Bernas; English: A. Bing, R. Hamblin, D. Smith, D. Walton (distinction), C. Bernas, B. Fagg, J. Brookman, J. Markwell, T. Smith, F. Solley, J. Wood; arithmetic: J. Wood, J. Markwell, R. Hamblin, C. Hodges (distinction), R. Harlow, B. Woodland, D. Walton, F. Solley, T. Smith, D. Smith, A. Bing, J. Brookman, H. Bugden, B. Fagg; French: E. Sanders, D. Walton, R. Hamblin (distinction), F. Solley, W. Moody, A. Bing; geography: W. Moody, H. Bugden.

Certificate Stage—Arithmetic and geography: B. Turner; English and mathematics: E. Sanders.

EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE AREA

As from 18th August, St. Peter's Thanet, will come within the area of Ramsgate Employment Exchange.

St. Peter's was previously in the Margate area.

The new utility umbrella will have eight ribs instead of 16.

Wedding Stationery.—Invitation Cards, Compliment Cards, Gift Cards.—Wide selection at "The Advertiser" Printing Works, Church-Hill, Ramsgate.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

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BIRTHS

Jones.—31st August, at Blackpool, the wife of Ldg. Acm. Jones, P.L., R.A.F., of a son.

MARRIAGES

Sanders—Popham.—31st August, at St. Stephen's Church, Soundwell, Bristol, by the Rev. F. J. Hirst, Jack Victor Matthew Sanders, of Ramsgate, to Myrtle Popham, of Kingswood, Bristol.

Sherrington—Pidduck.—1st September, at St. Lawrence Church, by the Rev. J. H. Roundhill, Leslie Charles Sherrington to Muriel May Pidduck, both of Ramsgate.

DEATHS

Boyland.—28th August, peacefully, Elizabeth, widow of the late H. S. Boyland, J.P.

Eede.—2nd September, at Belmont-road, Westgate-on-Sea, Alfred Ernest Eede, aged 67 years.

Robinson.—31st August, at Margate General Hospital, Edward Aaron Robinson, aged 41 years.

IN MEMORIAM

Prickett.—In proud and loving memory of Don, killed at Tobruk on 7th September, 1941.

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